

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. Claims 1-39 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 40-45 are added without adding any new matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been canceled, thus withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 14-22, and 29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Minder *et al.* (WO 00/33511). Claims 2, 3, 5, 12, 13, 23-28, and 27-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minder in view of Immonen *et al.* (US 2002/0132611). These claims have been canceled, making the rejections moot.

New claims 40-45 are supported by the original specification and drawings as follows:

New claims 40, 44 and 45 are supported by the original claim 22 and the description related to Fig. 6 in the original specification.

New claim 41 is supported by the description related to Fig. 6 in the original specification.

New claim 42 is supported by the description related to Fig. 8 in the original specification.

New claim 43 is supported by the original claim 12.

These new claims are patentable over the cited references for the features cited therein.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No.: NIHE-38824.

Respectfully submitted,  
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